

Annawan High School Band

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Welcome to Band! I am looking forward to this upcoming year. There are events and performances planned, and I truly hope that we can grow together as musicians and develop a true love for music! If you have not joined yet there is a facebook group for students and parents to get updates on different band events: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/annawanband/>

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Be in the classroom when the bell rings.
- Have your instrument ready and be seated 3 minutes after the bell to start rehearsal.
- NO chewing GUM
- NO CELL PHONES in class.
 - 1st Offense – Warning
 - 2nd Offense – Lose 3 daily participation points
 - 3rd Offense – Lose ALL daily participation points and detention
- Be attentive when the teacher is talking.
- Handle instruments and other musical equipment with care.
- Give your best effort every day and have FUN!

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- A Pencil
- Your Instrument
- Folder with Music

OBJECTIVE

To create entertaining music for the audience, as well as, the performer, while implanting new and old musical concepts into each musical composition.

Instruments and Music

Students may keep their instruments and music at school throughout the week in the designated areas. Here are the following rules; a student unable to follow the rules will lose participation points.

- Instruments or case may NOT be left out after rehearsal. Cases must be put on the shelf and percussion instruments and sticks are put away.
- Music and Folders must be put back into the student's assigned slot after rehearsal
- Instruments and Music MUST be taken home on the weekends and breaks

Marching Band

Before each home football game there will be a tailgate with the Wetherfield band. We ask that each student donate \$5 to \$10 if possible to help cover the food costs. Annawan's Homecoming is 9/18 and our band program will host the tailgate, we ask if parents can volunteer to help it run smoothly (jobs: griller (2), set up (2), server (2), clean up (2)). New this year each student will be required to buy a black warm up pant for \$26.50 to be used in performances. The band program will be placing 1 order, so please enclose cash or a check for the above amount to Annawan Unit 226. Each student has an

account with a percentage of what they sold during pizza orders; if you would like to use funds from this account please indicate in the sheet below.

Jazz Band

Jazz Band is an extracurricular activity that meets before school on Monday and Friday from 7:30 to 8:10am starting on Monday September 21st. The Jazz Band will perform at different events throughout the year. It is a great opportunity for students to broaden their musical experience.

Café Night

This year there will be two Café Night fundraisers. The a cappella choir and jazz band will be the main features for this event. This event will need volunteers to help make it a success. Any parents available during the below dates that could help out during this event please make a note in the below form. There will be more information about possible jobs at a later date.

Performance

- Attendance: you are required to be at every mandatory band performance. If there is a conflict your parent **MUST** email me at least **1 WEEK** beforehand. If the absence is due to illness you must have a written note signed by your parent or doctor by the next class day. The first unexcused absence will result in a zero and a detention, and the third will result in a possible removal from class.
- Marching Band Attire:
 - You will be assigned a marching band uniform (hat, top, pants, and shoes)
 - Any lost or badly damaged uniforms will result in a fine to replace the part of the uniform in question
 - You must buy your own pair of marching band warm ups, please enclose \$26.50 with the form below
 - Uniform fittings are: Thursday 8/20 and Friday 8/21 from 7:30 to 8:10am, 3:00 to 3:35pm and during RTI on Friday
- Concert Band Attire:
 - Men: Long sleeved white dress shirt, black pants, and black shoes and socks.
 - Women: Your outfit needs to look professional and adhere to all school dress code policies. Black dresses or a nice top (white or black) with black slacks/a long skirt are okay. Wear black closed toe heels or nice flats.
 - NO jeans or shorts, and NO gym shoes or sandals!

GRADING

- 1) Active Participation in Rehearsal – 5 points per day
Active participation in rehearsal is defined as listed below:
 - On time and ready to start as indicated
 - Come prepared with a pencil and other required materials
 - During rehearsal, you are focused, attentive, striving to improve, and playing your instrument when asked to
- 2) Playing Tests – 32 points per Playing Test
 - a. Scale Exam (Once a month)
 - b. Rhythm Exam (Once a month)
 - i. Percussion will be tested on one rudiment as well

*Will be tested by instruments on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month
*Playing Tests will occur during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters. The teacher may give a playing test during the 1st quarter

- 3) Performance Attendance – 100 points
Unexcused absences will result in a 0% and a detention for each mandatory performance.
Please see the excused absence policy below for more information. Additionally, failure to adhere to the dress code and be on time for call will lower your grade.

2015-16 Band Season

*Call time is when the students need to arrive for the Event

*Every Event with a “+” before the date is mandatory for all band students

+ 9/4 Varsity Football Game (HS Marching Band) = 7pm (**Call time 4:30pm**)

+ 9/18 Homecoming - Parade = 1pm, Game = 7pm (**Call Time 4:00pm**)

+ 10/2 Varsity Football Game - Wethersfield Homecoming (HS Marching Band) = 7pm (**Call time 4:30pm**)

10/3 ILMEA Auditions @ Geneseo (Select Band and Choir Students)

+ 10/9 Varsity Football Game (HS Marching Band) = 7pm (**Call time 4:30pm**)

11/13 Café Night Music Fundraiser (Jazz Band and A Cappella)

11/14 ILMEA District Band and Choir Festival (Select Band and Choir Students)

+ 12/8 Band and Choir Holiday Concert = 7pm (**Call Time 6:15pm**)

3/14 LTC Band Festival @ Augustana (Select Band Students)

4/11 Café Night Music Fundraiser (Jazz Band and A Cappella)

+ 5/4 Spring Concert = 7pm (Call time 6:15pm)

+ 5/15 HS Graduation = 2pm (Call time 1:00pm)

Please fill out the bottom sheet (please tear off bottom) and turn in by **Wednesday 8/19**

Student Name: _____

I have read through the Band Syllabus and understand the class expectations and procedures.

Interested in Jazz Band: yes / no

We ask that each student donate \$5 to \$10 if possible to help cover the food costs for the tailgates before each home football game.

Marching Band Warm Up Pants will be paid by: Check/Cash/Student Account (amount in account_____). Circle the size you would like: Adult S M L XL 2XL, Ladies XS S M L XL 2XL

Parent is able to help with homecoming tailgate (9/18): yes / no (if yes, preferred job_____ and contact information_____)

Parent is able to help with Café Night: yes/no, date: 11/13 or 4/11 (if yes, contact information_____)

Student Signature: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____